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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: FRIENDSHIP SHIPS AND FLIGHTS TO CHINA

1. JAPANESE EMBASSY OFFICER TOLD USLO APRIL 6 THAT TEN
CHARTERED SHIPS AND FIFTY PLANES WILL BE BRINGING
JAPANESE FRIENDSHIP GROUPS TO THE PRC THIS YEAR. THE
"FRIENDSHIP SHIPS" WILL CARRY ABOUT 50 PASSENGERS FROM
KOBE TO TIENTSIN-HSINKANG, WAIT WHILE THE PASSENGERS
JOURNEY TO PEKING, AND MAKE THE RETURN TRIP. THE FLIGHTS
WILL CARRY ABOUT 140 GROUP PASSENGERS ON EACH RUN.
EMBOFF MENTIONED THAT PASSENGER SHIPS HAVE BEEN CARRYING
JAPANESE TOURISTS ON THE KOBE-HSINKANG ROUTE FOR SEVERAL
YEARS.

2. EMBOFF NOTED THAT THE JAPANESE TOURISM BOOM INCREASES
THE POSSIBILITY THAT UNCOURTEOUS JAPANESE WILL OFFEND
THE CHINESE TO THE EMBARRASSMENT OF ALL CONCERNED.
THE PROPENSITY OF JAPANESE MEN TO LAPSE INTO
WORLD WAR II MILITARY SONGS WHEN ENGAGED IN GROUP DRINKING
HAS CAUSED AT LEAST ONE SERIOUS INCIDENT IN THE PAST.
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